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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/508,024
Applicant : **Toshimichi KITAOKA et al.**
Filed : March 6, 2000
Title : **"Focus Type Longitudinal Wave Ultrasonic Probe
And Ultrasonic Flaw Evaluating Apparatus for
Polymer Material Inspection"**
Group Art Unit : 2856
Examiner : Nashmiya Saqib Fayyaz
Customer No. : 28289

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Election with Traverse is in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action of January 29, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute Group I (claims 1-7 and 12-20) with traverse. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is also submitted herewith.

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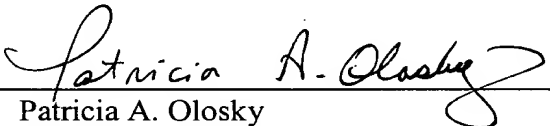
The Examiner states that this application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions, namely (a) Group I: claims 1-7 and 12-20, drawn to a focus type longitudinal wave ultrasonic probe and (b) Group II: claims 8-11 and 21, drawn to a flaw evaluating apparatus. Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement for the following reason.

Applicant respectfully asserts that a search for the invention of Group I would be coextensive with that for the invention of Group II. Thus, there would be no undue burden on the Examiner if all claims were to be examined together.

However, in the event the Examiner maintains the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-7 and 12-20, without prejudice to the later filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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